

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

### **Claim 1 (cancelled)**

### **Claim 2 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein the alcohol component has been selected from the group of glycerol, diglycerol, and triglycerol.

### **Claim 3 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~6~~, which comprises at least one water-insoluble polymer selected from the group consisting of

the vinyl-ester homo- and copolymers, vinyl ester-ethylene homo- and copolymers, vinyl ester -(meth)acrylate homo- and copolymers, vinyl ester-(meth)acrylate-ethylene homo- and copolymers,

the (meth)acrylate homo- and copolymers, styrene-(meth)acrylate homo- and copolymers,

homo- and copolymers of fumaric or maleic esters,

the homo- and copolymers of vinyl halides, vinylaromatics, dienes, olefins, and of the polyurethanes, polyesters, polyethers, polyamides, melamine-formaldehyde resins, phenol-formaldehyde resins, or of their oligomeric precursors.

**Claim 4 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 4 ~~6~~, wherein the polymer is stabilized by means of protective colloids and/or emulsifiers.

**Claim 5 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 4 ~~6~~, wherein the polymer comprises, based on the total weight of the polymer, from 3 to 35% of a protective colloid.

**Claim 6 (currently amended)**

The A dispersion powder composition ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ consisting essentially of water-insoluble polymers and based on the total weight of the polymer, an amount in the range from 0.1 to 30% by weight of at least one carboxylic ester whose acid component has at least 6 carbon atoms and whose alcohol component is a polyhydroxy compound wherein the polymer comprises, based on the total weight of the polymer, from 0 to 30% by weight of anticaking agents.

**Claim 7 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 4 ~~6~~, which comprises

- a) at least one water-insoluble polymer selected from the group consisting of the vinyl ester homo- and copolymers, vinyl ester-ethylene homo- and copolymers, vinyl chloride homo- and copolymers, (meth)acrylate homo- and copolymers,

styrene-(meth)acrylate homo- and copolymers;

- b) from 3 to 35% by weight, based on the total weight of the polymer, of a protective colloid;
- c) from 0.1 to 30% by weight, based on the total weight of the polymer, of at least one carboxylic ester whose acid component has at least 6 carbon atom and whose alcohol component is glycerol, diglycerol, or triglycerol, and which has between 0 and 80 polyethylene oxide units between acid component and alcohol component;
- d) from 0 to 30% by weight, based on the total weight of the polymer, of anticaking agents.

**Claim 8 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 1 6, wherein polyvinyl alcohol with a degree of polymerization of from 200 to 3,500 and a degree of hydrolysis of from 80 to 98 mol % is used as protective colloid for preparing the polymer.

**Claim 9 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 1 6, wherein the acid component contains halogens, hydroxyl groups, ether groups, thioether groups, ester groups, amide groups, carboxy groups, sulfonic acid groups, carboxylic anhydride groups, and/or carbonyl groups.

**Claim 10 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein the carboxylic esters used comprise the corresponding mono-, di-, or triesters of glycerol, of diglycerol, or of triglycerol.

**Claim 11 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein aluminum silicate, calcium carbonate or magnesium carbonate or mixtures of these, silicas, or combinations of dolomite and, respectively, calcite and talc are used as anticaking agents.

**Claim 12 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein the carboxylic acid has been applied to a pulverulent carrier material, and the carrier material comprises an amount in the range of from 10 to 160% by weight of carboxylic ester, based on the total weight of the carrier material.

**Claim 13 (currently amended)**

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein the pulverulent carrier material is an anticaking agent ~~as claimed in claim 11~~ selected from the group consisting of aluminum silicate, calcium carbonate or magnesium carbonate or mixtures of these, silicas, or combinations of dolomite and calcite and talc.

**Claim 14** (previously presented)

The dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein the carrier material is fumed silica or precipitated silica with a BET surface area of at least 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

**Claim 15** (currently amended)

A process for preparing a dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim 4 6, in which polymer a), a protective colloid b), and carboxylic esters c), and, if desired, further protective colloid b) are mixed to prepare a dispersion and this is then, where appropriate, dried with simultaneous admixing of the anticaking agent d).

**Claim 16** (previously presented)

The process as claimed in claim 15, wherein the carboxylic ester is added to the initial charge of the polymer a) needed for the preparation process.

**Claim 17** (previously presented)

The process as claimed in claim 16, wherein the carboxylic ester is applied to a carrier material and this coated material is added during and/or after the drying of the dispersion powder composition.

**Claim 18** (previously presented)

The process as claimed in claim 17, wherein the coated material is added after the drying of the dispersion powder composition.

**Claim 19** (previously presented)

The process as claimed in claim 15, wherein drying takes place by spray drying in a drying tower.

**Claim 20** (currently amended)

A process for modifying wallpaper pastes, mortar, or concrete by addition of a dispersion powder composition as claimed in claim ~~4~~ 6.

**Claim 21** (cancelled)